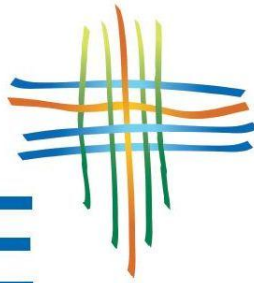


Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

**BPEACE**



## Congregational Resource Day

# Be Peace Together

*Equipping one another to be peacemakers*

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2013**

**9:30 AM – 4:00 PM**

**ROXBURY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**1234 COLUMBUS AVE.**

Opening plenary by the Rev. Kathleen Adams-Shepherd of Newtown, CT.

Sign in begins at 9:00 AM with program starting at 9:30 AM. Adults may choose two workshops, one before lunch and one after lunch. The day ends with a wonderfully interactive session from Urban Improv. This event is FREE, optional boxed lunch is \$10, and must be ordered in advance when registering online.

**YOUTH TRACK** – for middle & high school students. Workshops planned and led by youth representatives from the diocese, pizza, and Urban Improv! Please register online or email Sam Gould at [sgould@diomass.org](mailto:sgould@diomass.org).

Register and learn more at: [www.diomass.org/event/fall-resource-day-2013](http://www.diomass.org/event/fall-resource-day-2013)

**WORKSHOPS** (Offered twice. Participants may choose two)

***Til Love Create a Place: Community Trauma and Liturgical Response*** -- How can our liturgies offer welcome, solace and hope in the wake of violent tragedy? Join Thomas Brown (Parish of the Epiphany, Winchester) and Patrick Ward (Trinity, Boston) as they share lessons learned from serving in two very different communities that have each responded liturgically to violence in creative ways. We'll explore new prayer forms; adapting liturgical space for lament and healing; broadening Prayer Book worship to welcome other faiths; inviting active participation from worshipers through liturgical action; and music.

**Where do crime guns come from? Engaging citizens in the fight against gun trafficking**– Through interactive exercises and multi-media pieces, *Traffick Jam Community Workshops* led by Citizens for Safety raise awareness of the "Iron Pipeline" that supplies guns used in crime. Workshop participants learn how police track crime guns, where they come from, how loopholes in the law aid traffickers, and steps citizens can take to reduce gun trafficking and make their neighborhoods safer.

**Getting Engaged in Government: Shaping Public Policy** -- Join Massachusetts State Representatives Byron Rushing (Boston) and Tom Conroy (Wayland) to discuss how you can make a difference, have influence, and shape legislation on Beacon Hill. We'll discuss issues you care about: guns, the environment, education, poverty, and other topics. You will learn about effective ways to connect with your elected officials, persuade them to champion a cause, or support your position.

**A Stranger in a Strange Land: Helping Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence** -- Often survivors find themselves struggling with their identities as people of faith – when the very person that they love also happens to be the person who threatens and hurts them the most. Survivors turn to their communities, their congregations, their families and their peers and often receive misinformation as well as a sense of judgment or shame. This workshop explores the intersections between faith/spirituality and healing following violence and abuse and shares a restorative and transformative model that communities can use. Presented by Susan Chorley of Renewal House shelter for women

**Mentoring Through Church-School Partnerships** – Lallie Lloyd and other leaders of existing church-school partnerships will lead this interactive workshop exploring the What, How and Why of church-school partnerships as a way of addressing the root causes of violence. Sharing challenges and successes, leaders will discuss how engaging their communities through the schools has been good for their congregation. You will take away concrete tools for getting started.

**How Shall We Work Together? Youth Ministers, Families and Youth Addressing the Impact of Violence in Our Communities** -- This workshop is designed for congregations, youth ministers and young people interested in developing their ministries to more intentionally address the impact of violence in our communities, especially as it affects youth and families. This workshop will leave you with fresh ideas and encouragement as well as actionable plans for networking with others in the diocese who feel called to serve together with youth and families to address violence. Presented by the BPEACE Youth and Family Supports Committee.

**Curbing Urban Youth Violence: How to Hire a Youth at Your Business in 5 Easy Steps** -- The B-Peace for Jorge Campaign recognizes that root causes of "youth violence" in particular are linked to a lack of employment opportunities, lack of a living wage, educational failures, financial pressures and historical trauma. All these things contribute to the issues prevalent among those caught in the cycle of violence. Come learn about how youth job creation is a part of a larger strategy to create more peaceful communities and learn five easy steps to hiring a youth at your business. BPEACE Youth Jobs Team.